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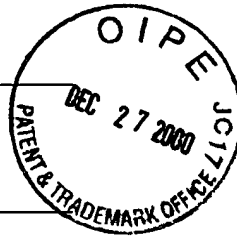
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Attorney Docket No.: 16303-007120US

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Phalgun B. Joshi, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/295,663

Filed: April 21, 1999

For: COMBINATION THERAPY
USING NUCLEIC ACIDS AND
CONVENTIONAL DRUGS

Examiner: G. Lee

Art Unit: 1632

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from September 21, 2000 to December 21, 2000, is submitted herewith (in triplicate).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-37, and 45 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Sub D' 38. (Once Amended) A method of enhancing the therapeutic effect of a foreign therapeutic gene administered to a patient, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) administering a cell cycle blocking agent to said patient; and
- (b) administering said foreign therapeutic gene to said patient within seven days of step (a), wherein said foreign therapeutic gene is fully encapsulated in a lipid formulation